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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHER EDUCATION AND MENTORING PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
2 of subsection (m) of section 10-145b of the general statutes, for the
3 school year commencing July 1, 2010, those teachers (1) who began in a
4 beginning educator program, pursuant to section 10-145b of the
5 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2009, but have
6 not completed that program as of July 1, 2009, and participate in the
7 teacher education and mentoring program, pursuant to section 10-145o
8 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, during the 2010-2011
9 school year, (2) who are not eligible for a provisional educator
10 certificate because such teachers have not completed the teacher
11 education and mentoring program, and (3) whose initial educator
12 certificate is due to be renewed, shall not be responsible for paying the
13 State Board of Education the nonreturnable fee of two hundred dollars
14 for reissuance of such teacher's initial educator certificate.

15 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (m) of section 10-
16 145b of the general statutes, for the school year commencing July 1,

17 2010, those teachers (1) who began in a beginning educator program,
18 pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes, revision of 1958,
19 revised to January 1, 2009, but have not completed that program as of
20 July 1, 2009, and participate in the teacher education and mentoring
21 program, pursuant to section 10-145o of the general statutes, as
22 amended by this act, during the 2010-2011 school year, (2) who are not
23 eligible for a provisional educator certificate because such teachers
24 have not completed the teacher education and mentoring program,
25 and (3) who have renewed their initial educator certificates prior to the
26 effective date of this section, shall pay to the State Board of Education a
27 nonreturnable fee of seventy-five dollars for a provisional educator
28 certificate upon completion of the teacher education and mentoring
29 program.

30 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 10-145o of the 2010 supplement to
31 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
32 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

33 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (h) of this section,
34 for the school year commencing July 1, 2010, beginning teachers who
35 hold an initial educator certificate and have not participated in any
36 beginning educator program as of July 1, 2009, shall participate in the
37 teacher education and mentoring programs as follows:

38 (1) Beginning teachers in the following subject areas and
39 endorsement areas shall be required to successfully complete the
40 teacher education and mentoring program in full: Elementary
41 education, English and language arts, mathematics, science, social
42 studies, special education, bilingual education, music, physical
43 education, visual arts, health, world languages and teachers of English
44 as a second language.

45 (2) Beginning teachers in any other endorsement area and whose
46 primary function is providing direct instruction to students shall be
47 required to successfully complete one year of mentorship and two
48 instructional modules.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10-145o(g)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a renewal fee waiver to those teachers holding an initial educator certificate, but who cannot apply for a provisional educator certificate because they have not completed the requisite beginning educator program; to provide a fee adjustment to those teachers who already renewed their initial educator certificate because they could not apply for a provisional educator certificate because they have not completed the requisite beginning educator program; and to include health teachers as among the list of teachers who shall complete the teacher education and mentoring program in full.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]